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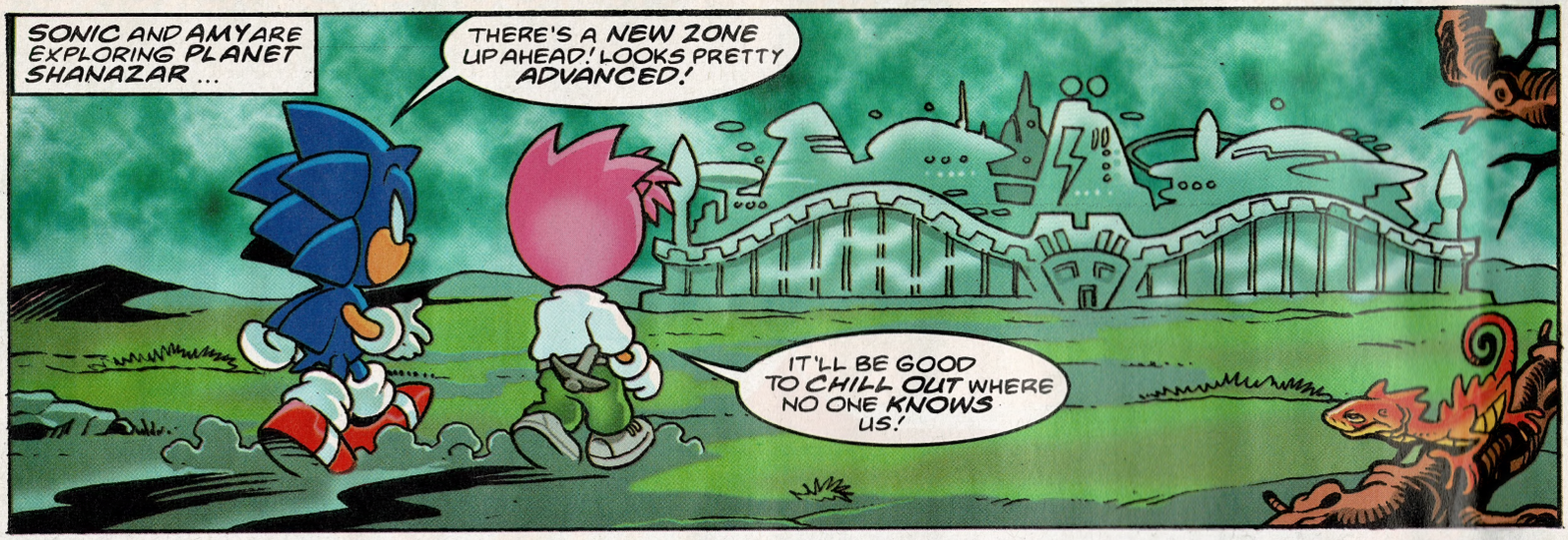
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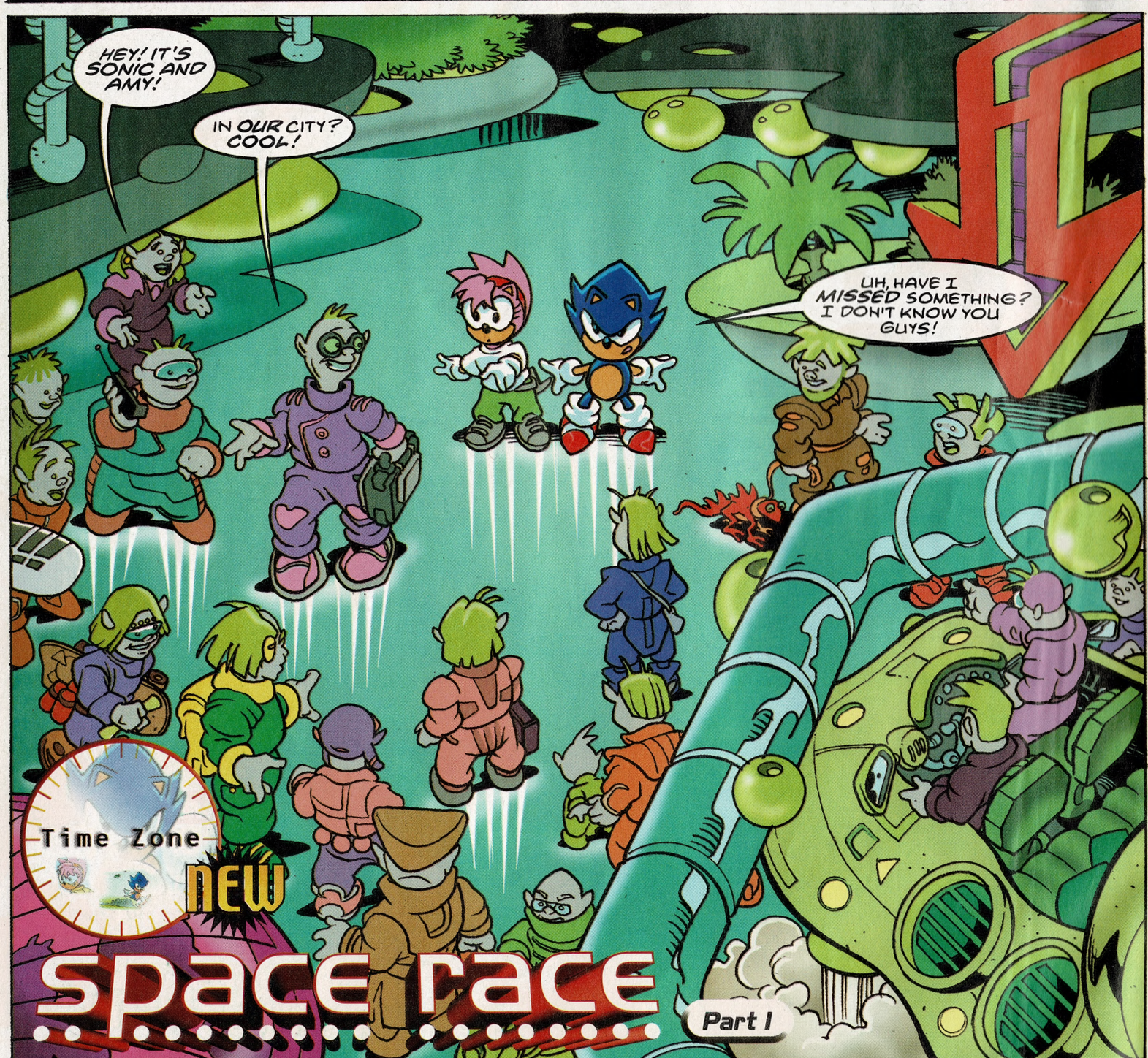

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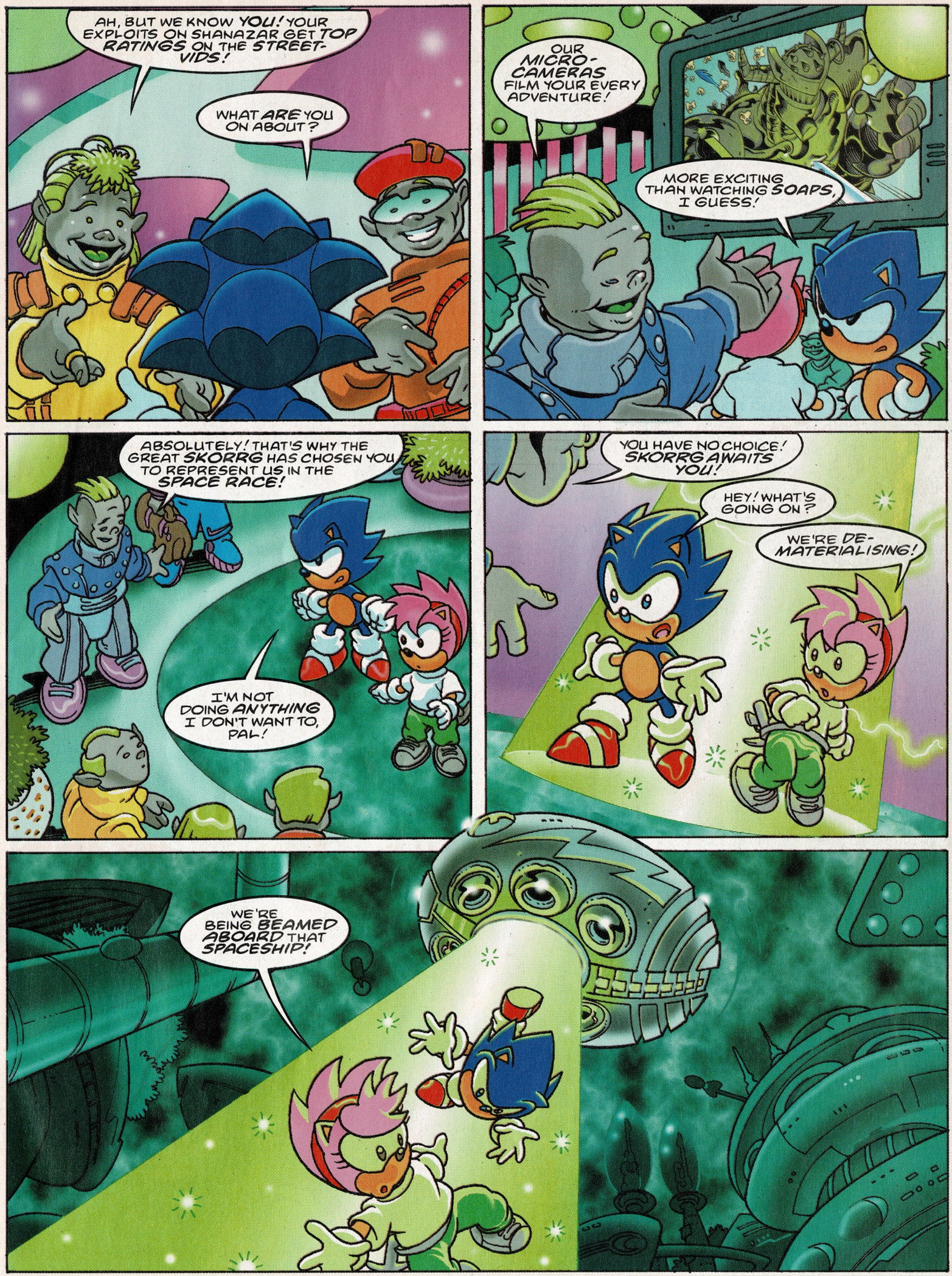
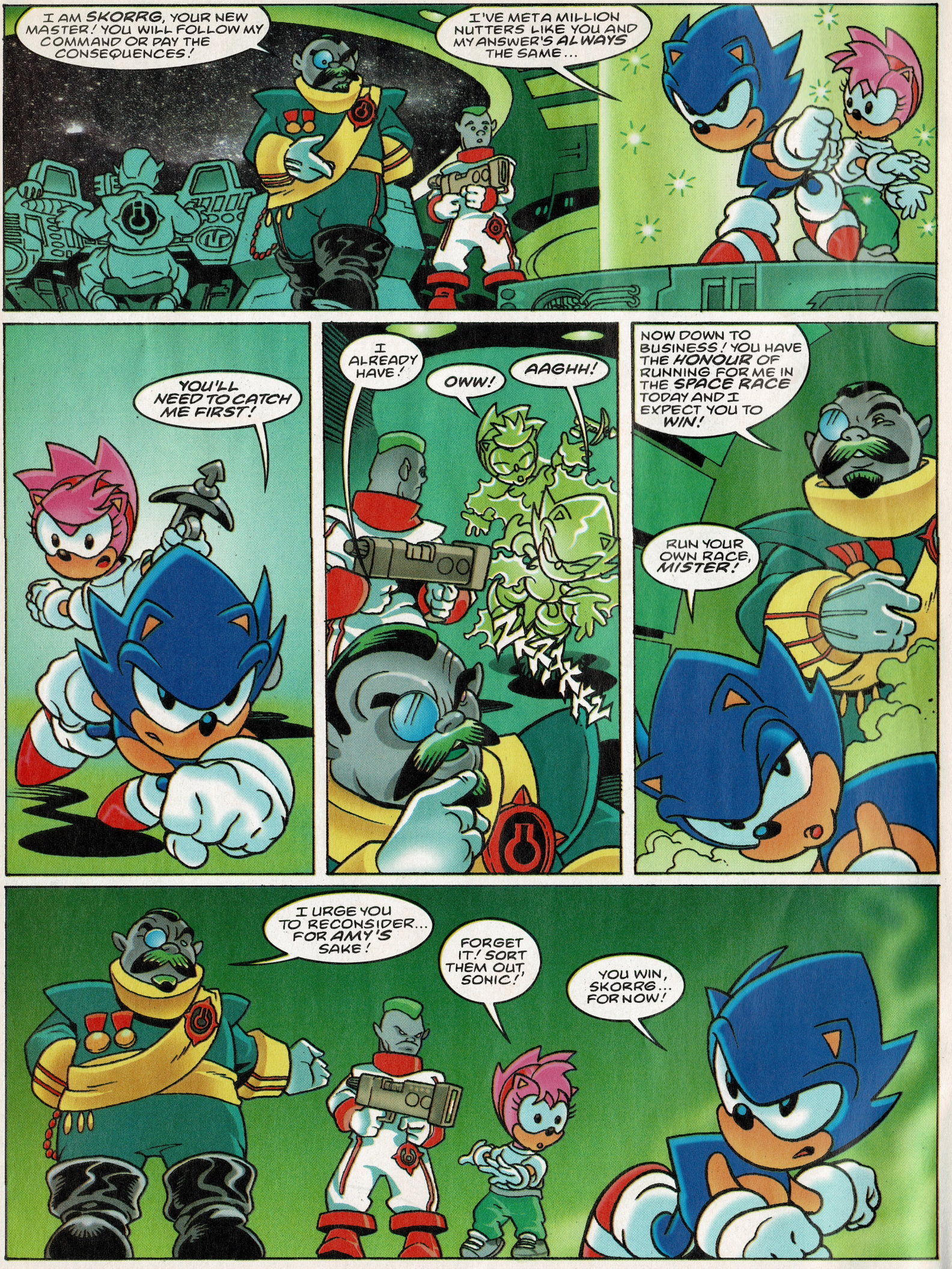
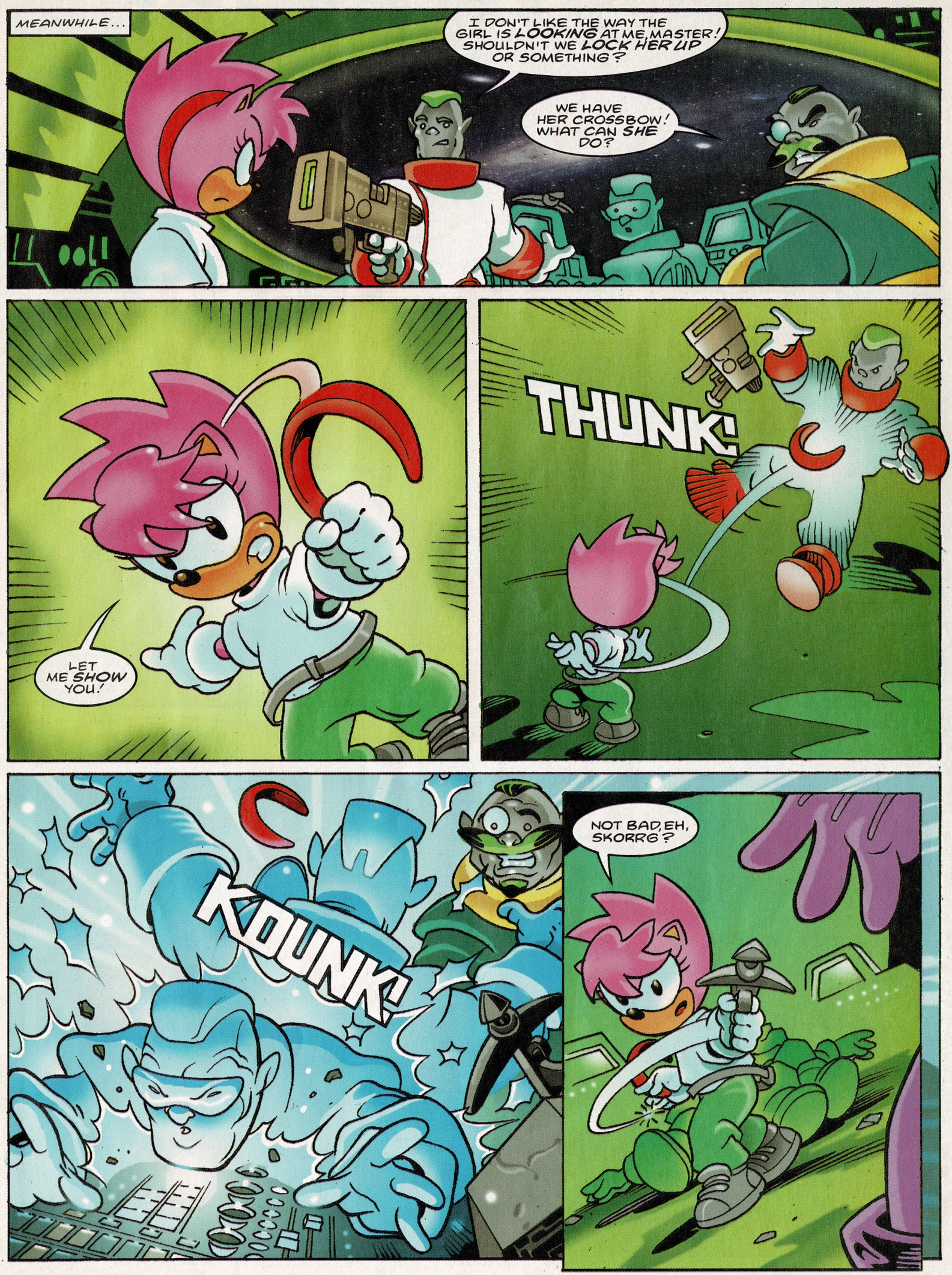

AH, BUT WE KNOW YOU! YOUR EXPLOITS ON SHANAZAR GET TOP RATINGS ON THE STREET-VIDS!
WHAT ARE YOU ON ABOUT?
OUR MICRO-CAMERAS FILM YOUR EVERY ADVENTURE!
MORE EXCITING THAN WATCHING SOAPS, I GUESS!
ABSOLUTELY! THAT'S WHY THE GREAT SKORRG HAS CHOSEN YOU TO REPRESENT US IN THE SPACE RACE!
I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING I DON'T WANT TO, PAL!
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE! SKORRG AWAITS YOU!
HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE DE-MATERIALISING!
WE'RE BEING BEAMED ABOARD THAT SPACESHIP!


I AM SKORRG, YOUR NEW MASTER! YOU WILL FOLLOW MY COMMAND OR PAY THE CONSEQUENCES!
I'VE MET A MILLION NUTTERS LIKE YOU AND MY ANSWER'S ALWAYS THE SAME...
YOU'LL NEED TO CATCH ME FIRST!
I ALREADY HAVE!
OWW!
AAGHH!
NOW DOWN TO BUSINESS! YOU HAVE THE HONOUR OF RUNNING FOR ME IN THE SPACE RACE TODAY AND I EXPECT YOU TO WIN!
RUN YOUR OWN RACE, MISTER!
I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER... FOR AMY'S SAKE!
FORGET IT! SORT THEM OUT, SONIC!
YOU WIN, SKORRG... FOR NOW!

LATER, SONIC IS BEAMED DOWN TO AN ASTEROID...
OKAY, SKORRG, I'VE PLAYED YOUR CRAZY GAME SO FAR! NOW WHAT?
WE AWAIT YOUR OPPONENT! AH, HERE COMES THE "RIVAL COACH" NOW!
SKRAZZ!
YOU WILL RACE AGAINST TURBO!
THE RULES ARE SIMPLE! YOU WILL RACE ACROSS THE ASTEROID BELT AND THE FIRST ONE BACK WINS! THAT SHOULD BE YOU, IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIEND AGAIN!
GO! GO! GO!

MAKE A HABIT OF THESE DUMB RACES, TURBO?
I AM THE SPACE RACE CHAMPION... BUT NOT BY CHOICE, I ASSURE YOU!
IF I LOSE, MY FAMILY WILL PAY THE PRICE!
...AND IF I LOSE, AMY GETS ZAPPED! GUESS WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME BOAT!
I REGRET THAT, SONIC... BUT I INTEND TO WIN!
SO DO I!
UGGH! NOT USED TO RUNNING IN A ZERO GRAVITY ENVIRONMENT!
HE'S TAKING THE LEAD! I'M LOSING!


MEANWHILE...
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE GIRL IS LOOKING AT ME, MASTER! SHOULDN'T WE LOCK HER UP OR SOMETHING?
WE HAVE HER CROSSBOW! WHAT CAN SHE DO?
LET ME SHOW YOU!
THUNK!
KOUNK!
NOT BAD, EH, SKORRG?

SONIC! I'VE TAKEN CONTROL OF THE SHIP!
HALLELUJAH!
MY CONDOLENCES... YOU LOSE!
NO SWEAT, PAL! I'VE JUST HEARD GOOD NEWS!
I DON'T THINK SO! WHOEVER LOSES HAS THEIR SPACESHIP DESTROYED!
WHAT?
AMY! THE RIVAL SHIP IS ABOUT TO ATTACK YOU! GET OUT OF THERE!
YOU BETTER TELL ME HOW TO FLY THIS THING, SKORRG!
I NEVER LEARNT TO FLY! MY SERVANTS DO THAT! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN THIS TIME, AMY!
JUST GREAT!
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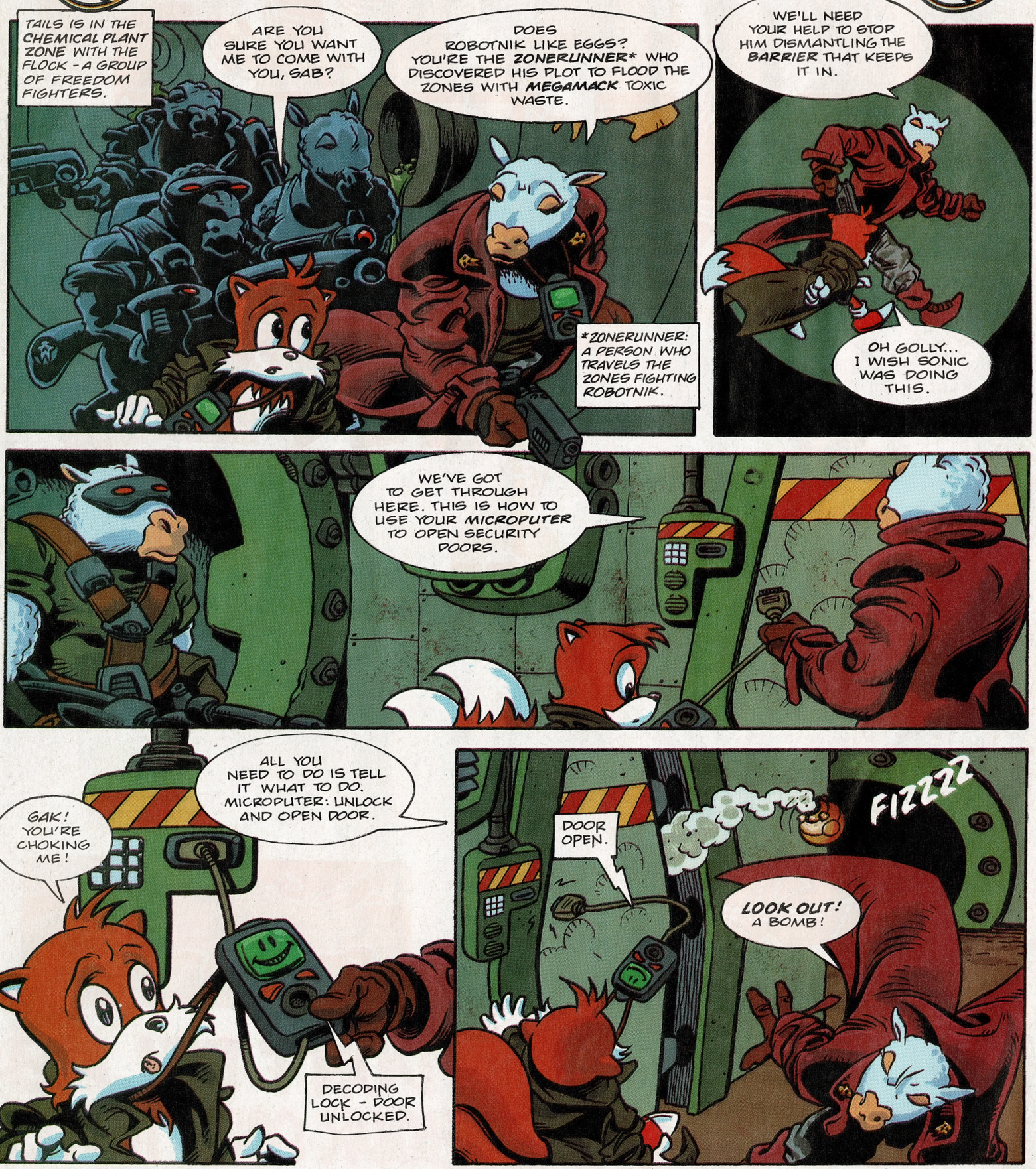
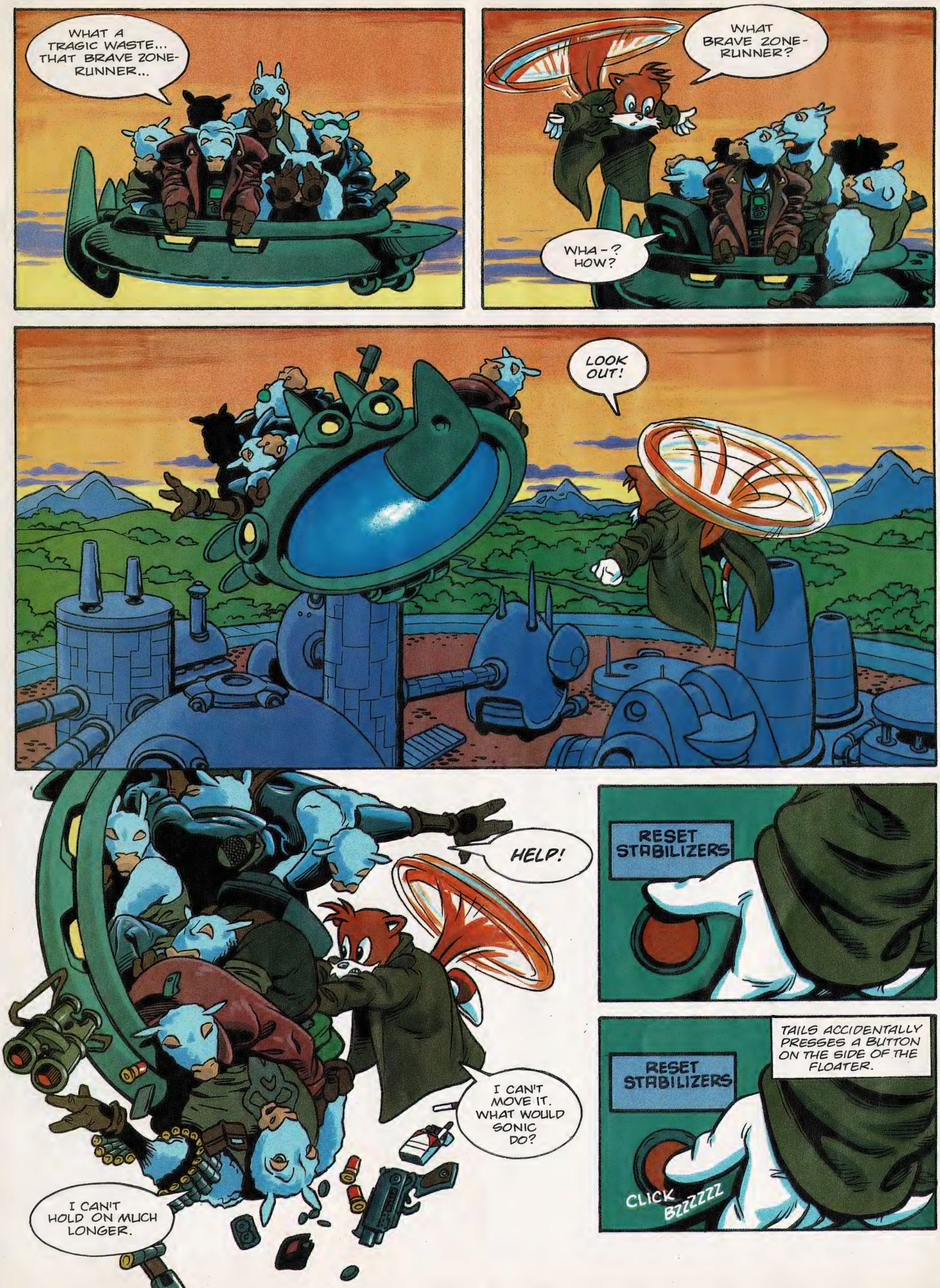
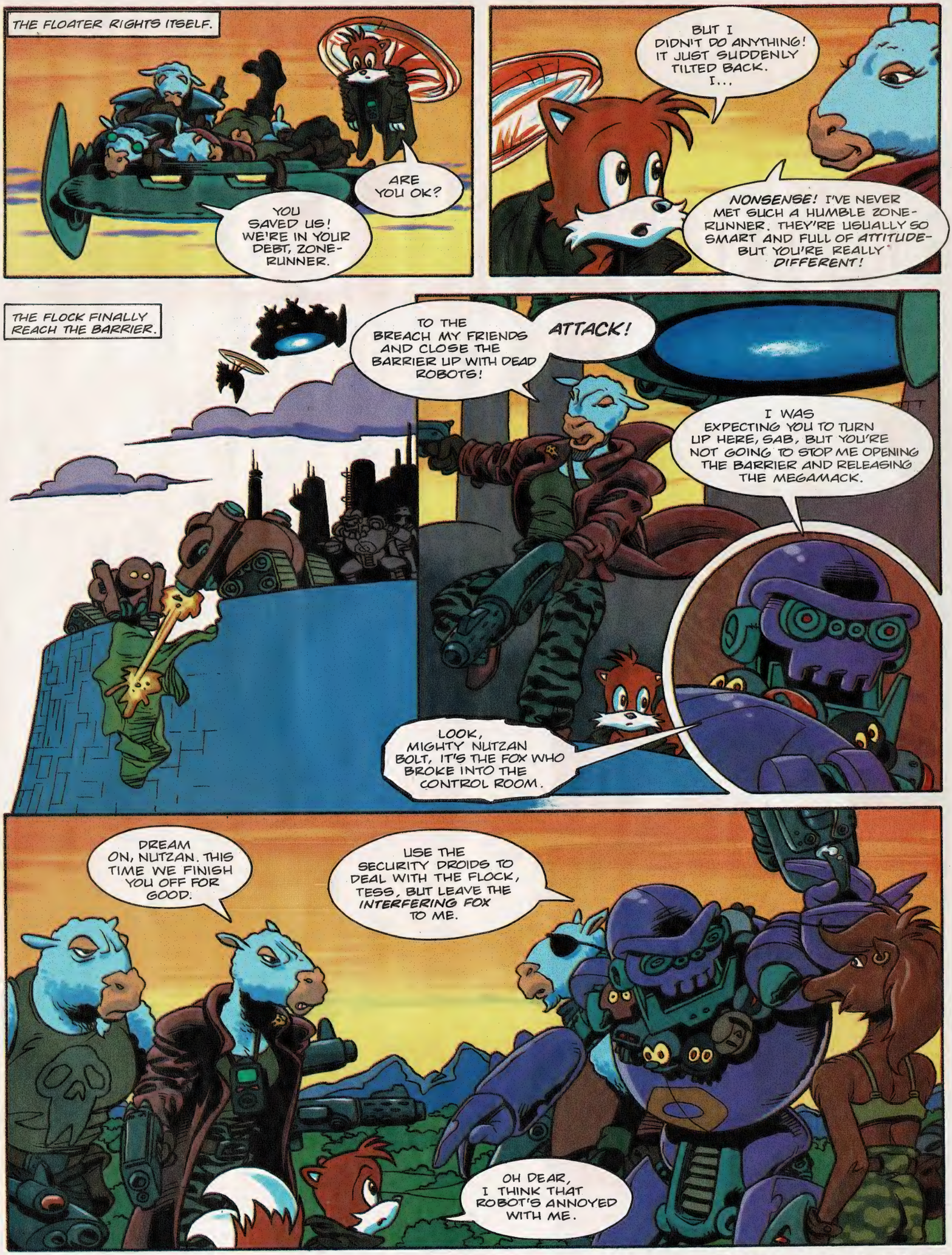

TAILS IS IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE WITH THE FLOCK - A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO COME WITH YOU, SAB?
DOES ROBOTNIK LIKE EGGS? YOU'RE THE ZONERUNNER* WHO DISCOVERED HIS PLOT TO FLOOD THE ZONES WITH MEGAMACK TOXIC WASTE.
*ZONERUNNER: A PERSON WHO TRAVELS THE ZONES FIGHTING ROBOTNIK.
WE'LL NEED YOUR HELP TO STOP HIM DISMANTLING THE BARRIER THAT KEEPS IT IN.
OH GOLLY... I WISH SONIC WAS DOING THIS.
WE'VE GOT TO GET THROUGH HERE. THIS IS HOW TO USE YOUR MICROPUTER TO OPEN SECURITY DOORS.
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TELL IT WHAT TO DO. MICROPUTER: UNLOCK AND OPEN DOOR.
GAK! YOU'RE CHOKING ME!
DECODING LOCK - DOOR UNLOCKED.
DOOR OPEN.
FIZZZZ
LOOK OUT! A BOMB!

BDDOOM!
A SPINY BADNIK! I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
BDOOP
FREE! WHAT HEROES!
BLAM
SECONDS LATER...
THAT FLOATER WILL TAKE US TO THE BARRIER.
COME ON ZONERUNNER. YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF HEIGHTS, ARE YOU?
NO. THAT'S ONE THING I'M NOT SCARED OF.
ZONE-RUNNER!
HERE I COME- OOPS!


WHAT A TRAGIC WASTE... THAT BRAVE ZONE-RUNNER...
WHAT BRAVE ZONE-RUNNER?
WHA-? HOW?
LOOK OUT!
HELP!
I CAN'T MOVE IT. WHAT WOULD SONIC DO?
I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER.
RESET STABILIZERS
RESET STABILIZERS
TAILS ACCIDENTALLY PRESSES A BUTTON ON THE SIDE OF THE FLOATER.
CLICK
BZZZZZZ


THE FLOATER RIGHTS ITSELF.
ARE YOU OK?
YOU SAVED US! WE'RE IN YOUR DEBT, ZONE-RUNNER.
BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! IT JUST SUDDENLY TILTED BACK. I...
NONSENSE! I'VE NEVER MET SUCH A HUMBLE ZONE-RUNNER. THEY'RE USUALLY SO SMART AND FULL OF ATTITUDE- BUT YOU'RE REALLY DIFFERENT!
THE FLOCK FINALLY REACH THE BARRIER.
TO THE BREACH MY FRIENDS AND CLOSE THE BARRIER UP WITH DEAD ROBOTS!
ATTACK!
I WAS EXPECTING YOU TO TURN UP HERE, SAB, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME OPENING THE BARRIER AND RELEASING THE MEGAMACK.
LOOK, MIGHTY NUTZAN BOLT, IT'S THE FOX WHO BROKE INTO THE CONTROL ROOM.
DREAM ON, NUTZAN. THIS TIME WE FINISH YOU OFF FOR GOOD.
USE THE SECURITY DROIDS TO DEAL WITH THE FLOCK, TESS, BUT LEAVE THE INTERFERING FOX TO ME.
OH DEAR, I THINK THAT ROBOT'S ANNOYED WITH ME.

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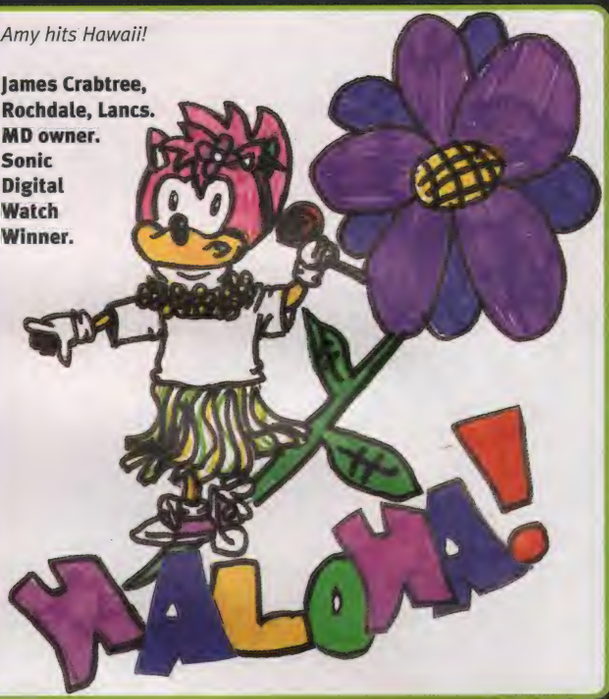

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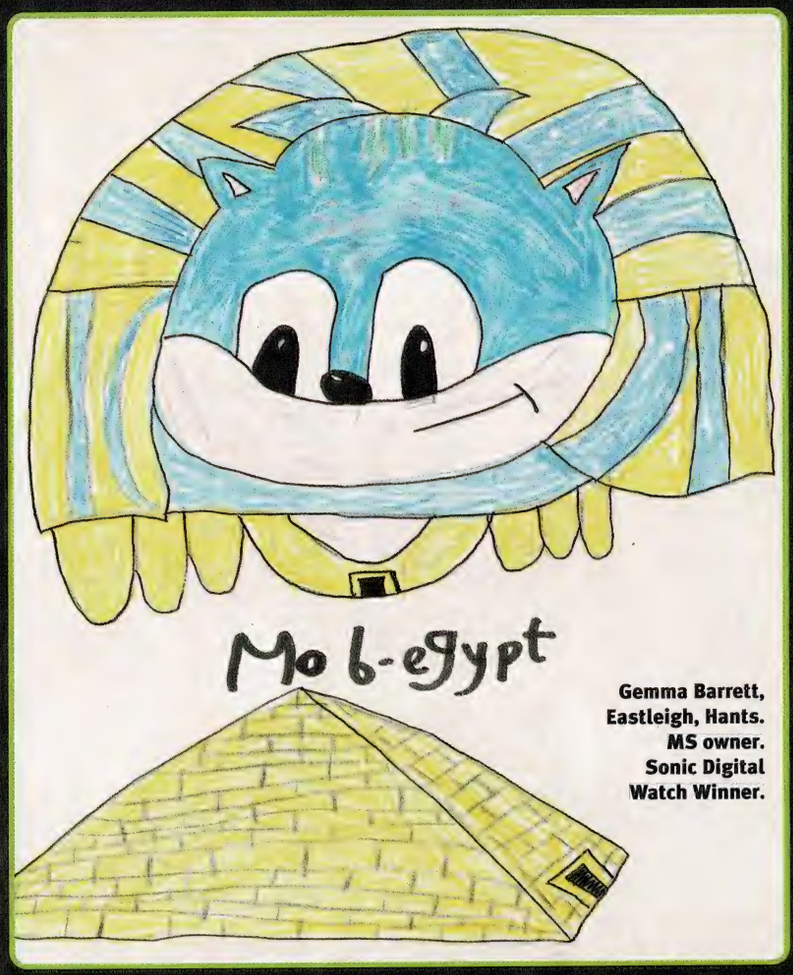

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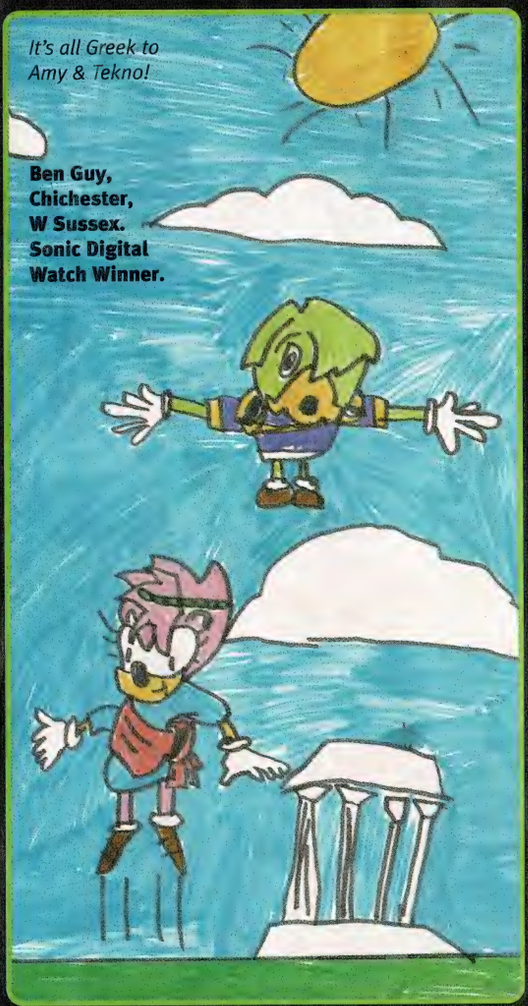

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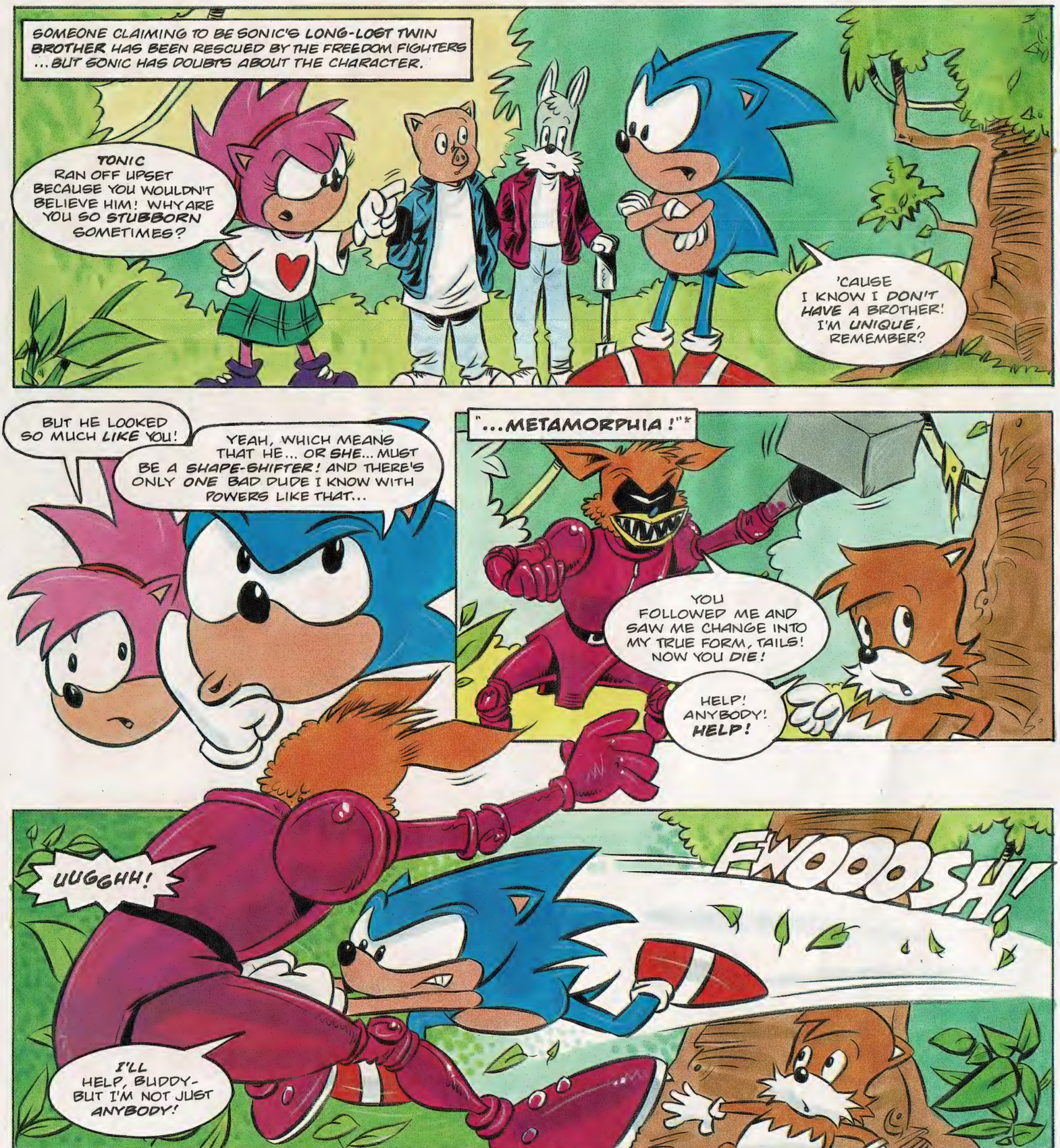
SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE SONIC'S LONG-LOST TWIN BROTHER HAS BEEN RESCUED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ...BUT SONIC HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE CHARACTER.
TONIC RAN OFF UPSET BECAUSE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HIM! WHY ARE YOU SO STUBBORN SOMETIMES?
'CAUSE I KNOW I DON'T HAVE A BROTHER! I'M UNIQUE, REMEMBER?
BUT HE LOOKED SO MUCH LIKE YOU!
YEAH, WHICH MEANS THAT HE... OR SHE... MUST BE A SHAPE-SHIFTER! AND THERE'S ONLY ONE BAD DUDE I KNOW WITH POWERS LIKE THAT...
"...METAMORPHIA!"*
YOU FOLLOWED ME AND SAW ME CHANGE INTO MY TRUE FORM, TAILS! NOW YOU DIE!
HELP! ANYBODY! HELP!
UUGGHH!
FWOOOSH!
I'LL HELP, BUDDY- BUT I'M NOT JUST ANYBODY!

WHAT DID YOU HOPE TO GAIN BY POSING AS MY "BROTHER", METAMORPHIA?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK SENT ME TO DISGUISE MYSELF... GAIN YOUR TRUST... AND DESTROY YOU ONE BY ONE!
NOW IT LOOKS AS IF I'LL HAVE TO DESTROY YOU ALL AT ONCE!
LOOK OUT! SHE'S CHANGING AGAIN!
GOOD WORK, JOHNNY!
SHUCKS! DON'T MENTION IT, AMY!
FWAPP!
SPLURGE!
I CAN QUICKLY TAKE ANY SHAPE, OUTLAWS! HOW CAN YOU FIGHT STICKY GOO!
YIPES!
GLUBB!
I'M SURE I CAN STIR THINGS UP A BIT!

AAIIEE! STOP! I'M GETTING DIZZY!
SORRY TO GIVE YOU THE RUNAROUND, METAMORPHIA...
...BUT YOU'VE GOTTA FACE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED THIS TIME!
GASP... CURSE YOU, HEDGEHOG!
I'LL GET YOU ONE DAYYYYYY!
SONIC! SHE SLIPPED!
MAYBE SHE JUMPED! I'VE GOT A FEELING METAMORPHIA HAD THAT ESCAPE ROUTE ALL PLANNED OUT!

LATER, IN GRIMER'S LAB ABOARD THE DEATH EGG...
...AND AS THE ODDS WERE AGAINST ME, I LEAPT INTO THE WATERFALL, TOOK THE FORM OF A FISH, AND SWAM TO SAFETY!
ISN'T SHE FABULOUS, DOCTOR? SO RESOURCE-FUL!
BUT SHE STILL FAILED, GRIMER!
S-SONIC ISN'T EASY TO DESTROY... AS YOU'VE FOUND OUT YOURSELF MANY TIMES, DOCTOR!
I ALLOWED YOU TO CREATE THIS SHAPE-SHIFTING... THING SO IT WOULD DESTROY SONIC! IT HAS FAILED ME THREE TIMES NOW!
YOU DARE TO COMPARE YOUR FAILURES WITH MY... SETBACKS, YOU LITTLE...!
DOCTOR! NO!
I-I'M SORRY I FAILED AGAIN, DOCTOR! I WANTED TO SUCCEED ...BECAUSE I ADORE YOU!

HA HA HA HA HA
YOUR MONSTER HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR, GRIMER! OF COURSE SHE ADORES ME! THOSE WHO DON'T... ARE DOOMED! HAHAHAHA!
HE... CALLED ME A... monster...
YES, WELL... GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM AND WE'LL TRANSPORT YOU BACK TO YOUR HOME IN THE GRIM ZONE AS SOON AS WE CAN!
MY HERO!
PERHAPS DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL ADMIRE ME ONE DAY...
...THE DAY THAT I DESTROY SONIC!
THE END..?

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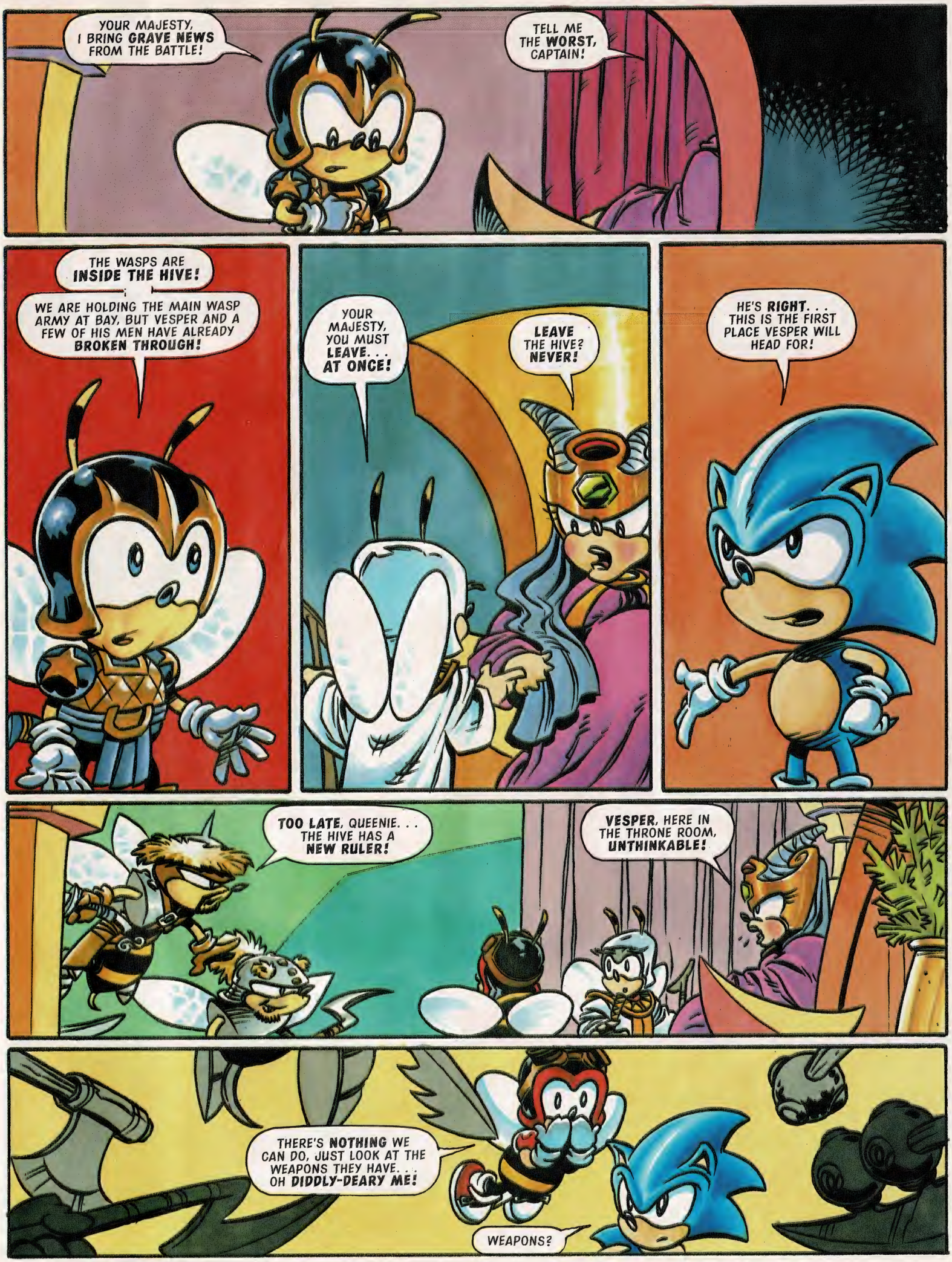
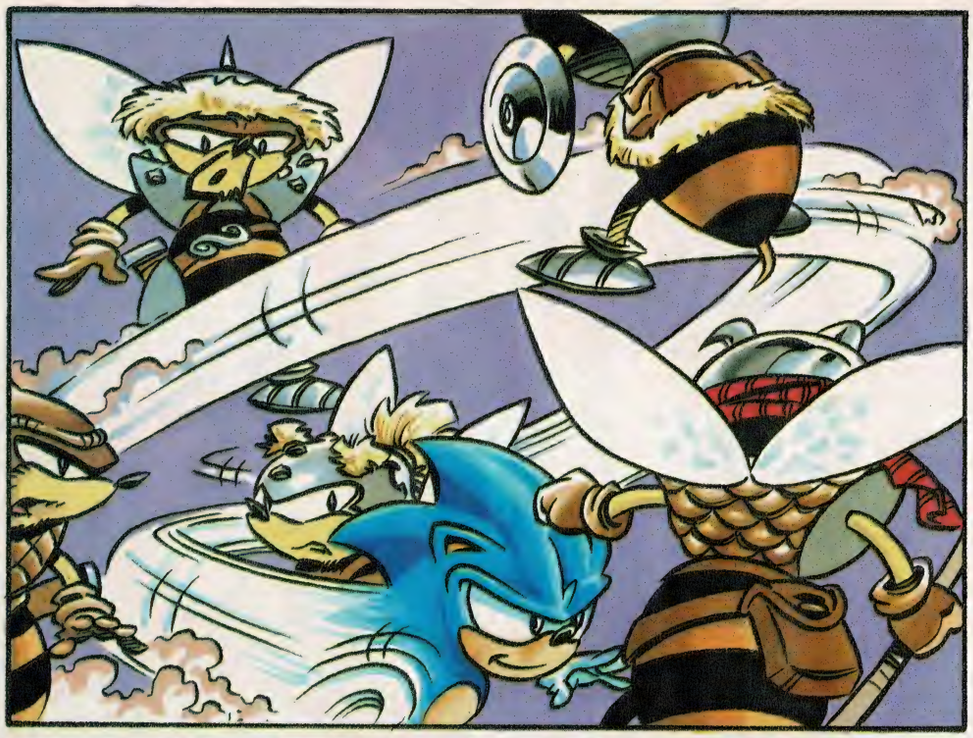
CHARMY BEE HAS BEEN CALLED BACK TO THE HIVE TO FACE HIS MOTHER, THE QUEEN.
BUT BEFORE THE QUEEN CAN FINISH TELLING OFF HER SON. . .
YOUR MAJESTY, IT'S VESPER AND HIS WASP MARAUDERS. . . THEY'RE ATTACKING THE HIVE!
ATTACK! ATTACK!
NOW WE'VE CAUGHT THEM OFF-GUARD, NOTHING CAN STOP US FROM INVADING THE HIVE!
THE INCREDIBLE WEALTH OF THE BEES WILL SOON BELONG TO ME!
I'LL BE THE RICHEST PERSON IN THE SPECIAL ZONE!

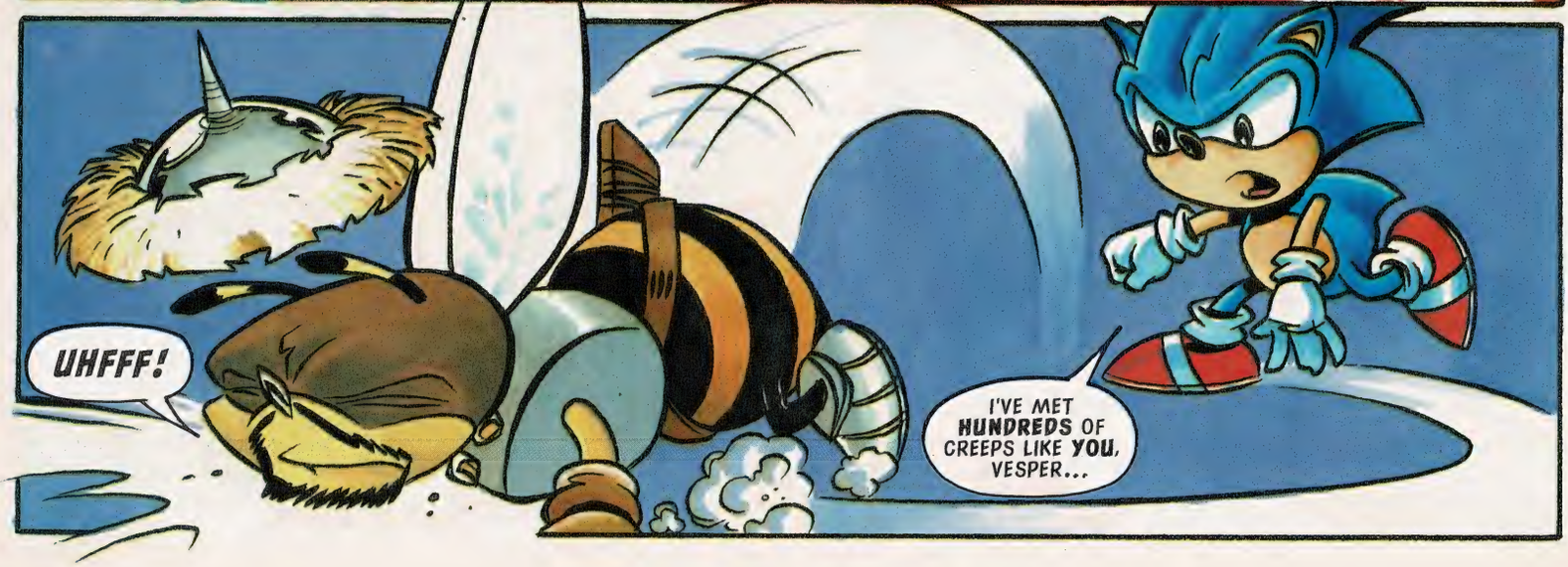
IT'S HOPELESS, THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!
FIGHT ON! IT'S OUR DUTY TO PROTECT THE HIVE!
FOOLS, YOU BEES ARE NO MATCH FOR THE WASP MARAUDERS!
IT'S NO USE! FALL BACK MEN, WE'LL REGROUP AT THE FAR END OF THE TUNNEL!
IF WE CAN'T STOP THEM THERE, THE HIVE IS LOST!
THIS IS IT, THE HIVE IS AT OUR MERCY!
AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY MERCY!

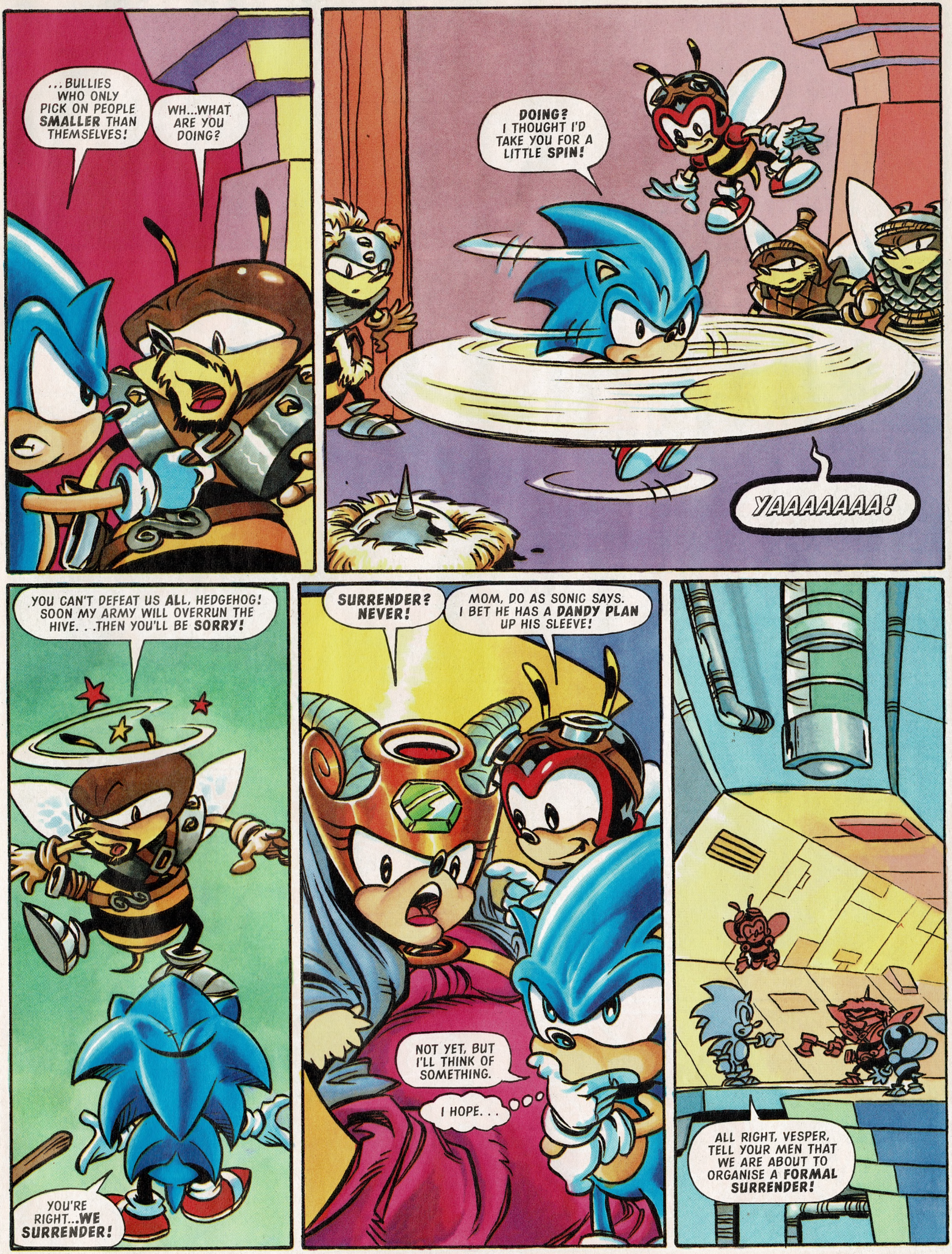

YOUR MAJESTY, I BRING **GRAVE NEWS** FROM THE BATTLE!
TELL ME THE **WORST,** CAPTAIN!
THE WASPS ARE **INSIDE THE HIVE!**
WE ARE HOLDING THE MAIN WASP ARMY AT BAY, BUT VESPER AND A FEW OF HIS MEN HAVE ALREADY **BROKEN THROUGH!**
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU MUST **LEAVE... AT ONCE!**
LEAVE THE HIVE? **NEVER!**
HE'S **RIGHT...** THIS IS THE FIRST PLACE VESPER WILL HEAD FOR!
TOO LATE, QUEENIE... THE HIVE HAS A **NEW RULER!**
VESPER, HERE IN THE THRONE ROOM, **UNTHINKABLE!**
THERE'S **NOTHING** WE CAN DO, JUST LOOK AT THE WEAPONS THEY HAVE... OH **DIDDLY-DEARY ME!**
WEAPONS?

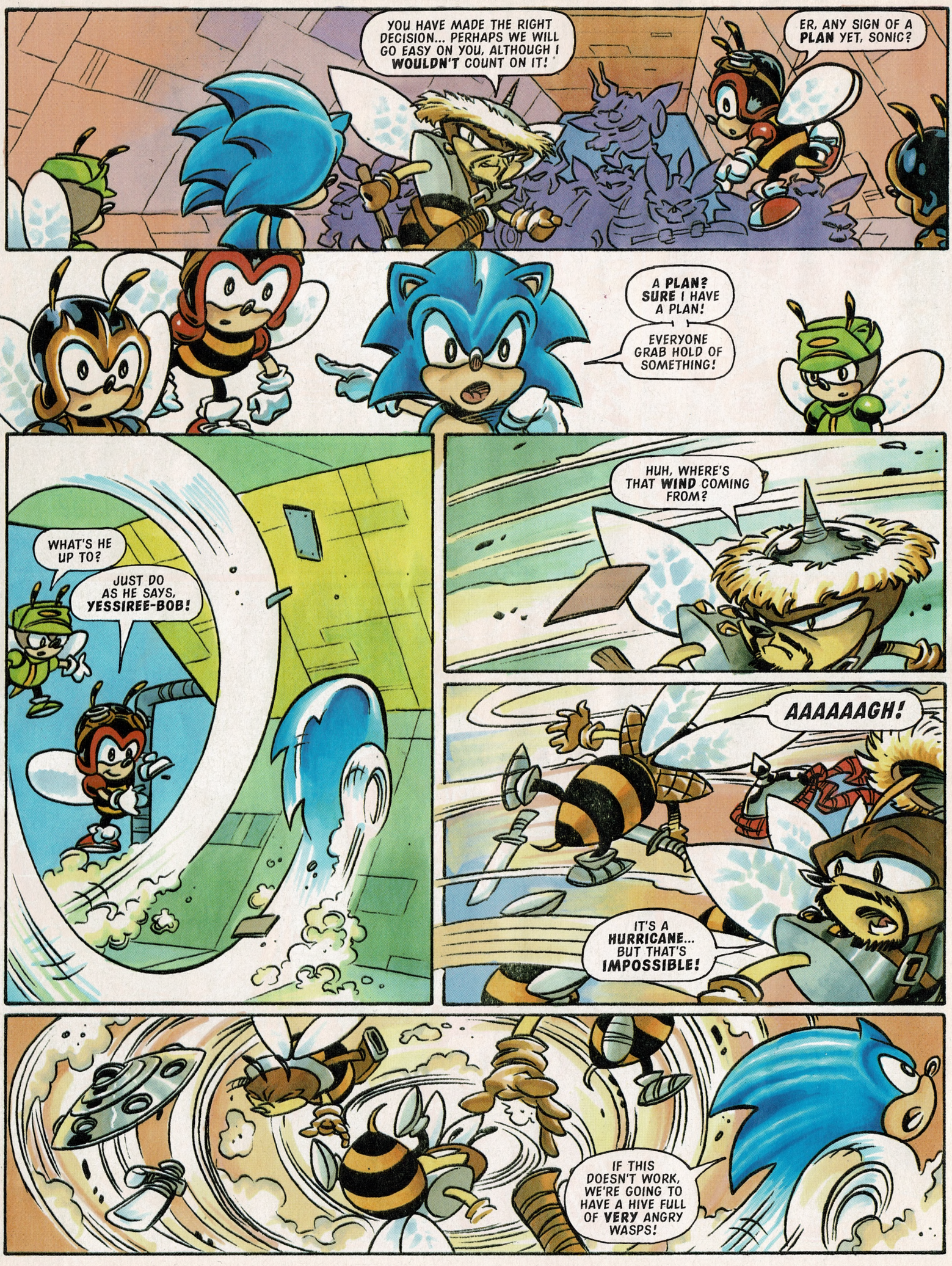


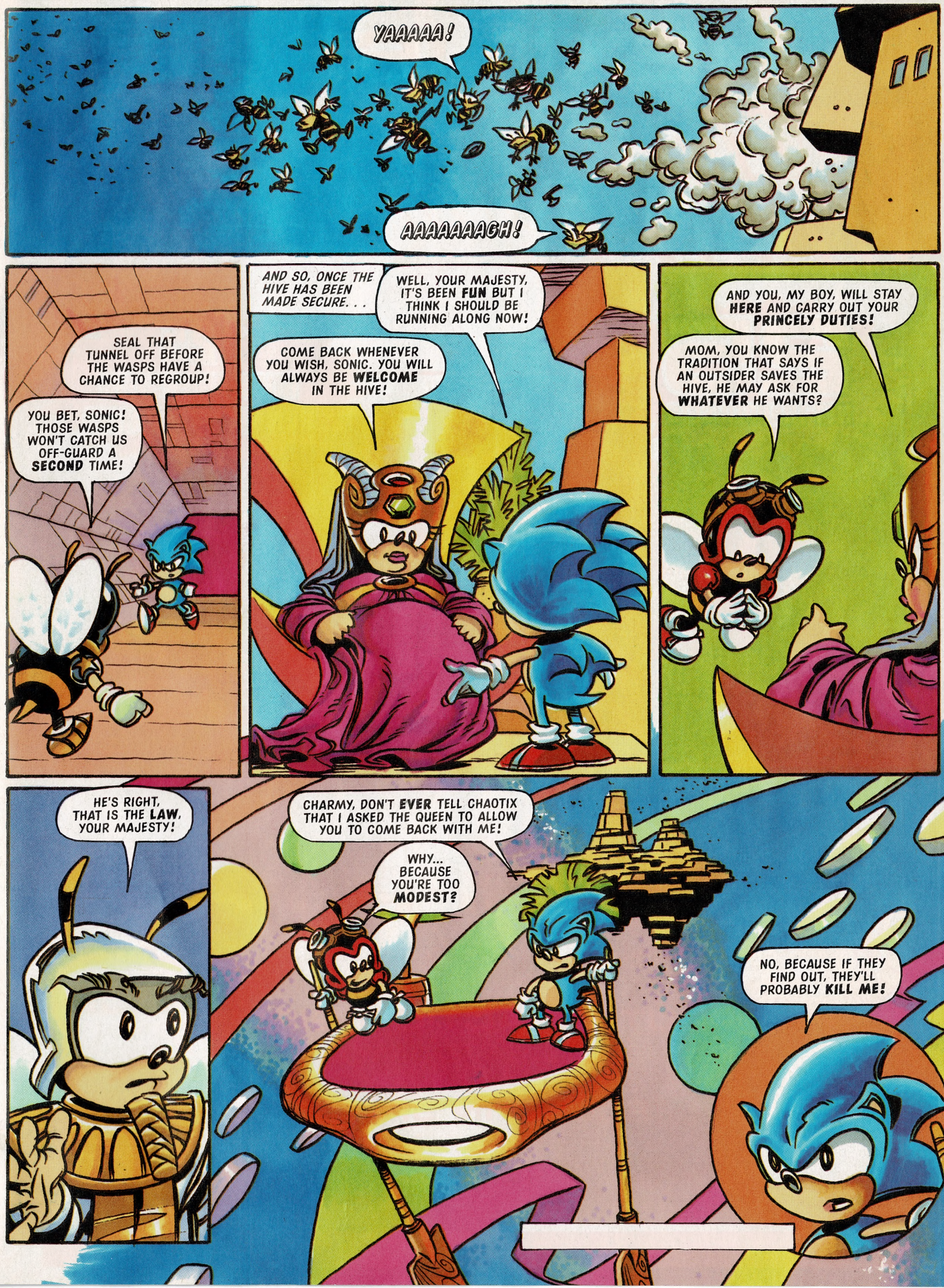
THEY DON'T **HAVE** ANY WEAPONS!

YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE **FOOLS** OF US?
I'LL SQUASH YOU LIKE AN **ANT!**
LOOK AT ME, I'M **SCARED**. . .


UHFFF!
I'VE MET **HUNDREDS** OF CREEPS LIKE **YOU**, VESPER...


...BULLIES WHO ONLY PICK ON PEOPLE SMALLER THAN THEMSELVES!
WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DOING? I THOUGHT I'D TAKE YOU FOR A LITTLE SPIN!
YAAAAAAA!
YOU CAN'T DEFEAT US ALL, HEDGEHOG! SOON MY ARMY WILL OVERRUN THE HIVE. . .THEN YOU'LL BE SORRY!
YOU'RE RIGHT...WE SURRENDER!
SURRENDER? NEVER!
MOM, DO AS SONIC SAYS. I BET HE HAS A DANDY PLAN UP HIS SLEEVE!
NOT YET, BUT I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
I HOPE. . .
ALL RIGHT, VESPER, TELL YOUR MEN THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO ORGANISE A FORMAL SURRENDER!


YOU HAVE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION... PERHAPS WE WILL GO EASY ON YOU, ALTHOUGH I **WOULDN'T** COUNT ON IT!
ER, ANY SIGN OF A **PLAN** YET, SONIC?
A **PLAN**? **SURE** I HAVE A PLAN!
EVERYONE GRAB HOLD OF SOMETHING!
WHAT'S HE UP TO?
JUST DO AS HE SAYS, **YESSIREE-BOB!**
HUH, WHERE'S THAT **WIND** COMING FROM?
AAAAAAGH!
IT'S A **HURRICANE**... BUT THAT'S **IMPOSSIBLE!**
IF THIS DOESN'T WORK, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A HIVE FULL OF **VERY** ANGRY WASPS!


YAAAAA!
AAAAAAAGH!
SEAL THAT TUNNEL OFF BEFORE THE WASPS HAVE A CHANCE TO REGROUP!
YOU BET, SONIC! THOSE WASPS WON'T CATCH US OFF-GUARD A SECOND TIME!
AND SO, ONCE THE HIVE HAS BEEN MADE SECURE. . .
WELL, YOUR MAJESTY, IT'S BEEN FUN BUT I THINK I SHOULD BE RUNNING ALONG NOW!
COME BACK WHENEVER YOU WISH, SONIC. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME IN THE HIVE!
AND YOU, MY BOY, WILL STAY HERE AND CARRY OUT YOUR PRINCELY DUTIES!
MOM, YOU KNOW THE TRADITION THAT SAYS IF AN OUTSIDER SAVES THE HIVE, HE MAY ASK FOR WHATEVER HE WANTS?
HE'S RIGHT, THAT IS THE LAW, YOUR MAJESTY!
CHARMY, DON'T EVER TELL CHAOTIX THAT I ASKED THE QUEEN TO ALLOW YOU TO COME BACK WITH ME!
WHY... BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO MODEST?
NO, BECAUSE IF THEY FIND OUT, THEY'LL PROBABLY KILL ME!

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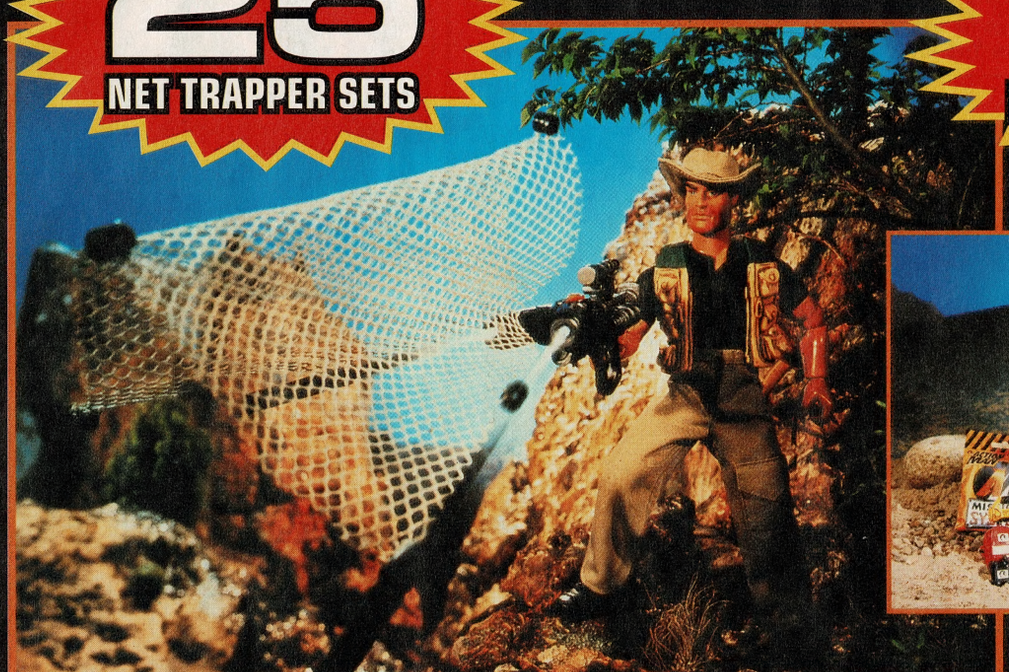

SPACE RACE

Part 2

OUT OF ACTION GIRL
CAN SONIC SAVE AMY's SKIN?

FOUND IN SPACE
READERS ART!

PLUS SONIC PIN-UP & MORE!

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